

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS section, and the two figure descriptions beneath it.

Please replace the two paragraphs beginning at page 4, line 4 with the following two paragraphs:

CI The filler material may include any number or combination of materials. The preferred filler is an inorganic material such as sand, talc, mica, slate, shale, limestone or fly, volcanic or bottom ash. The preferred filler is crushed limestone. Use of various materials can affect the resulting color of the shingle so selection of the filler can reduce the need for a colorant.

The preferred composition includes a mixture of between 35 to 65% of the polymer component and 65-30% filler component. That mixture provides a lower weight ~~and/or~~ and/or more flexible composite shingle. The preferred composition includes 60% crushed limestone and 40% polyethylene by weight.